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Safe Patient Care legislation to be discussed in Senate Health Policy Committee

Who: Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, committee vice-chairman and author of the bill;

Sen. Beverly S. Hammerstrom, Senate Health Policy Committee Chairwoman

What: Discussion of Safe Patient Care Act (Senate Bill 169)

When: Wednesday, April 20

1 p.m.

Where: Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower

124 West Allegan Street, Lansing, MI 48909

Briefing: Discussion and testimony will focus on the amount of overtime hours some nurses are

scheduled to work and whether time limits (such as those for truck drivers or pilots) would be

appropriate. SB 169 would require careful analysis of staff loads, an acuity system and

scheduling to avoid overloading staff.